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Cabinet Ranger District
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Kootenai National Forest
Supervisor's Office
31374 US Highway 2
Libby, MT 59923-3022

RE: **Purple Marten Project**

I am not in agreement with your decision to implement Alternative 3C for the referenced project because:

1. It would reduce motorized trail access by 3.1 miles in this area, which would never be recovered.
2. It would close Trail 1099 to motorcycle travel, your reasoning being it would be unsafe. I am of the opinion it will not be any less safe than the Black Peak Trail.
3. It would make all motorized trails in the area seasonal. The Kismet Trail currently has no seasonal closures.

It appears each time a forest revision is completed, motorized access is lost.

My preferred alternative would be Alternative 4, or no change from the current status.

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